

# Suttons Bay Stormwater Project



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# Project Overview:



**\$987,000 grant**

## Issues:

- Three main storm drains outlet to Suttons Bay: Grove, Madison, Broadway Street Drains
- Bacterial contamination of nearshore waters (at South Shore Park, possible at Marina Park)
- Public health risk



## Process:

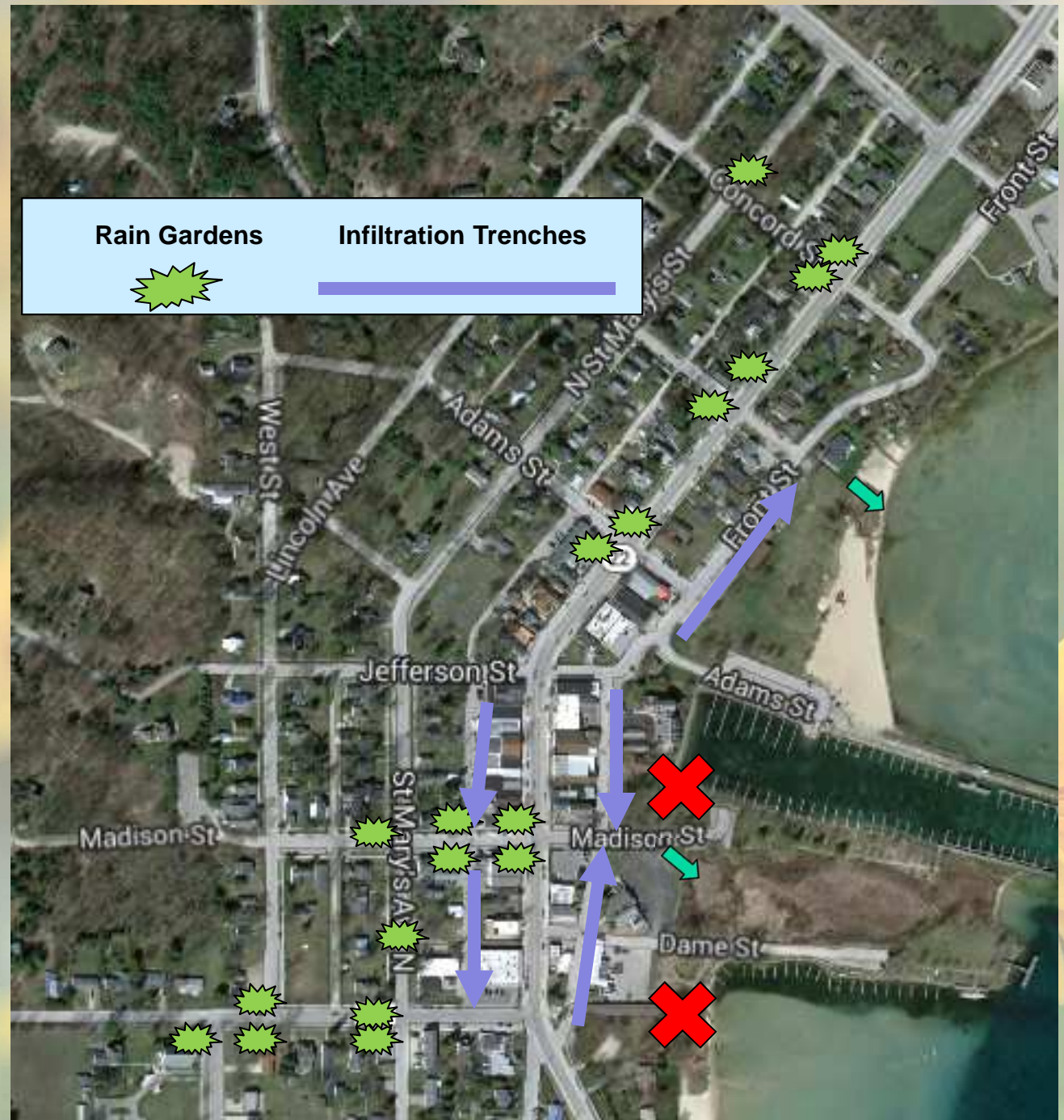
- Used LID/green infrastructure concept - Reduce runoff before end-of-pipe
- Installation completed Fall 2013



# Installed System:

- High Infiltration Rates:
  - ✓ 12 – 20+ in/hr
- Increase infiltration and reduce amount of runoff making it to pipe outlets:
  - ✓ Rain Gardens
  - ✓ Underground Infiltration Trenches
  - ✓ Combine 2 outfalls and redirect to wetland outlet
- Designed to capture all but 2.5% of storm events (infiltrating 97.5 % percent of storm events)

Project Engineer: **URS**





# BMP System: Rain Gardens

**18 installed in residential areas in Village**

## Treatment Steps:

1. Runoff enters garden, fills depression, and infiltrates naturally to ground
2. Excess water spills into the storm system inlet
3. Will eventually make its way to infiltration trench (discussed later)



**Southwest corner of Adams St and St. Joseph Ave (M-22)**



**Southwest corner of St. Mary's Ave and Broadway Ave**



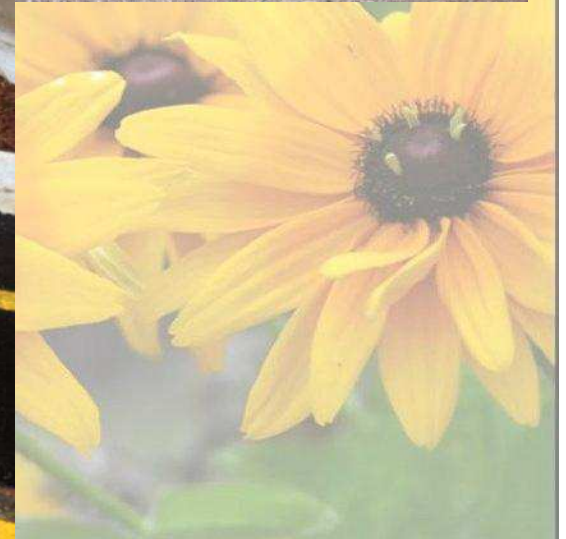
# **BMP System: Installation of rain gardens (before, during, and after)**

**Northwest corner St. Mary's  
and Broadway Ave**





## Planned BMP System: Installation of rain gardens (before and after)



Southwest corner Madison Ave and M-22



## **Planned BMP System: Educational Rain Garden Signs**

Educational sign at corner  
of M22 and Adams St.





# BMP System: Infiltration Trenches



Where:

- Alleys: Broadway-Madison Ave, Madison-Jefferson Ave
- Front Street: Broadway-Jefferson, Grove-Adams Street

**About 3,612 feet of  
infiltration trench installed  
~nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile**



## **BMP System: Installation of Infiltration Trenches**



**Front Street (between Boone's  
Restaurant and Inland Seas  
Education Association)**



## Planned BMP System: Installation of Infiltration Trenches



Above: Trench Installation – note  
gravel bed and size of tubes  
Right: Oil/grit separator



# BMP System: Wetland Treatment

- Madison outlet abandoned and redirected to wetland treatment basin between marina and south docks, overflow to existing wetland
- Most flow to Broadway line into infiltration trench, overflow split between current outlet and wetland basin





# Project Costs

## EPA GLRI Grant - \$987,000



- Engineering - \$153,000
- Rain Gardens - \$86,000 (~ \$4,700 ea)
- Construction (trenches, wetland outlet) - \$703,000
- Other (TWC staff, WQ monitoring, Signage, Federal Audit) - \$45,000



**Above: oil/grit separator and infiltration trench installation in alley**

**Left: Rain garden (Adams/M22) in June 2015**



# General Observations – First and Second Years

- Rain Gardens
  - ✓ Watch closely the first few weeks, note where water is coming in and look for erosion
  - ✓ Mulch will float until a mat forms, some will be transported into pipe
  - ✓ Clean storm inlets regularly, leaves will clog
  - ✓ Rocks will be helpful around inlets to rain garden and storm drains
  - ✓ Spring clean-up necessary – blow/rake out excess sand, grit, and leaves
  - ✓ Public prefers rain gardens with curbing
  - ✓ Instituted “Friends of the Rain Gardens” group in 2015 to help take care of gardens over next few years



**Above: Note floating mulch, gullies in newly planted gardens**

**Left: Mulch and leaves blocking overflow inlet to drain system**



# General Observations – First and Second Years

- Infiltration Trenches
  - ✓ Oil grit separators must be cleaned periodically
  - ✓ Trenches must be power washed and vacuumed out at least yearly



**Above and Left: Village of Suttons Bay Public Works employees clean out oil/grit separators early Winter (after heavy Fall rains)**





Visible plume in swimming area at Marina Park Beach caused by outflow from Grove Street Drain Outlet after rain event

***The plume is GONE after rain events!!***



Grove Street Drain





# Questions?



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